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COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Fifteenth Session

Rome, 26 - 30 March 1990

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AGENDA NOTES

The Fifteenth Session of the Committee on World Food Security will open at 10.00 hours on Monday, 26 March 1990 at FAO Headquarters. Provision has been made for the Session to continue up to 30 March 1990.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(a) Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Committee at this Session will elect a Chairman and four Vice-Chairmen from among the representatives of its members. The officers will remain in office for a biennium. The outgoing Chairman is Mr P.A.L. de Rijk of the Netherlands, and the outgoing Vice-Chairmen are Mr D. Dang Mekoula of Cameroon, Mr Li Zhenhuan of China, Mr Ariza Hidalgo of Cuba and Mr F.G. Poulides of Cyprus.

(b) Adoption of Agenda and Timetable

The provisional Agenda for the Fifteenth Session has been prepared in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the Committee's Terms of Reference and its recommendations at previous sessions.

(c) Membership of the Committee

The Committee is open to all Member Nations of the Organization and all States which are Members of the United Nations. It is composed of those States which notify the Director-General in writing of their desire to become members of the Committee and of their intention to participate in its work. Membership is for a biennium. The Secretariat will circulate a list of members of the Committee for the biennium 1990-91 at the opening of the Session.

II. ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT WORLD FOOD SECURITY SITUATION AND RECENT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

The Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, will assess the current world food security situation and short-term outlook. The assessment will cover cereals as well as other basic foodstuffs. In addition to the assessment of demand, supply, trade and stocks for basic staples, the analysis will cover, to the extent possible, edible oils and meat products. The Committee will be asked to give particular attention to implications of the current fragile world food security situation for the developing countries, taking into consideration recent policy developments at both the national and global level.

The Secretariat will circulate a document as a basis for the Committee's review and assessment.

A supplementary note on the latest developments in the world food security situation will be made available at the session.

III. NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES: THE CASE OF GHANA

At its Fourteenth Session, the Committee valued the examination of Case Studies of national experiences on food security policies and programmes and requested that the series be continued at future sessions. It will be recalled that the delegates of Ecuador and Ghana offered for such studies to be undertaken on their respective countries and the Committee accepted the offer with appreciation.

The Committee at this Session will consider Ghana's experience, policies and programmes to achieve food security, taking into account in particular the impact of the Economic Recovery Programme on the performance of the food and agriculture sector, national food self-sufficiency, and household food security.

IV. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN FOOD SECURITY

The Committee at its Fourteenth Session stressed the important role of women in food security and welcomed that a study would be undertaken on this subject in compliance with Council Resolution 1/94.

The Committee will consider gender issues in food security in developing countries with particular emphasis on the rural sector, both in view of the predominance of this sector and of the prevalence of widespread poverty and food insecurity in the rural sector in most of the developing countries. More specifically, the Committee will consider the nature and extent of the contribution of women in different economic classes to household food security through agricultural production, wage labour and other income-earning activities. The Committee will also look into the constraints affecting the contribution of women in ensuring household food security, and the implications of policy reforms undertaken by governments as they relate to the economic roles of women. It will also review FAO's activities to improve women's economic and social roles in the food and agricultural sectors.

On the basis of the analysis of the document, the Committee may wish to make specific recommendations to enhance the contribution of women and to overcome rural poverty and food insecurity in the developing countries.

V. REVIEW OF THE FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FSAS)

The Committee at this Session will review the actions taken by FAO's Food Security Assistance Scheme to meet requests from developing countries addressed to FAO for assistance to strengthen national food security during the biennium 1988-89. It will also consider the progress made in implementing the broader mandate of the FSAS, to provide assistance in the formulation and implementation of national, comprehensive food security policies and programmes.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

(a) Arrangements for the Sixteenth Session

Under this item, the Committee will consider the date of its next session. According to its Terms of Reference, the Committee normally holds two sessions in a biennium and may hold an additional session if warranted by uncertainties in the food security situation. As provided in Point II of the Plan of Action on World Food Security, a special session of the Committee could be convened by the Director-General in accordance with Rule XXXIII-4 of the General Rules of the Organization, to enable governments to consider any special action required to meet an acute and large-scale food shortage. The Committee normally holds its annual sessions in the March/April period.

(b) Report to the FAO Council

The Committee will submit a Report, including its recommendations, to the FAO Council. It is customary for the report of the Committee to be made available to the World Food Council under Rule VIII-3 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure.